

# HOME AND FARM.

**A LITTLE saleratus** is used in making **maize**, to prevent the slightly raw taste which corn meal has when hastily boiled.

**STALE BREAD GRIDDLE CAKES.**—Take stale bread, soak it in water till soft, strain off the water through a colander, beat the bread-crumbs lightly with a fork; to one quart of these soaked crumbs add one quart of milk, one quart of flour and four eggs. Bake on a griddle.

**CURRENT SAUCE.**—Heat the currants slowly almost to a boil, and turn into a colander, allowing all the juice possible to drain off without pressing. Measure the fruit, and to each quart add one pound of sugar, one cupful of raisins, and water to thin the sauce. If one prefers plenty of water, it may be necessary to add more sugar.

One of the most useful implements that can be used upon the farm is the field-roller. It crushes the clods, levels and smooths the ground, and presses the earth firmly around the seed, causing it to sprout and grow much earlier. In very dry weather a good rolling of the ground will often cause seeds to grow which otherwise would not have germinated.

**LICE ON ANIMALS.**—Col. F. D. Curtis commends the following mixture to kill lice on animals: "Melt hog's lard or any hot grease, and in it dissolve salt one-third of the bulk of the grease; take as much grease as will be required to smear the animal all over, and into the mixture pour kerosene oil and stir it up. Two gills of the kerosene would be sufficient for a cow of ordinary size. One application completely cured the most stubborn case of lice on an old hog. It leaves the skin smooth and clean, removing the scurf and healing the irritation caused by the parasites. It is also excellent for galls and sores."

**CAKE-MAKING HINTS.**—Cream the butter before adding the sugar. Cover cake with a paper cap when first put in the oven. A few drops of water in white of eggs will prevent their whipping to a stiff froth. When soda and cream-tartar are used, sift with flour the same as yeast powder. If more than two eggs are used beat separately. To secure tenderness and delicacy, the flour measure should always be rather on the side of scantiness. Beat fruit jelly to a paste before spreading between layers. Lard is better to grease cake tins with than butter. If lard is objectionable, keep on hand a small quantity of unsalted butter.

**TEA-DRINKERS** now-a-days will do well to apply the following simple test to the tea purchased of their grocers: Turn out the infused leaves, and if they are found a good brown color, with fair substance, the tea will be wholesome; but if the leaves are black and of a rotten texture, with an oily appearance, the tea will not be fit to drink. The purer the tea, the more the distinctively brown color of the leaf strikes the attention. The mixing, that is frequently adopted to reduce prices results in two kinds of leaves being supplied together. It is important to see that the leaves have the serrated or sawlike edges, without which no tea is genuine.

## Quick Railroad Work.

A VERY remarkable piece of work, considering its magnitude and the short space of time in which it was accomplished, was done on Tuesday of last week on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad. The road was at least the last in the country which used the wide six-foot gauge, and it has for some time been the purpose of the management to change this to the standard gauge. In order to make the road standard gauge throughout, arrangements were made to have the rails between Cleveland and Leavittsburg moved toward each other 7-8 inches each, the distance necessary to accomplish the desired result. In order to do this a force of 2,000 men was stationed along the line on Monday night, allowing forty-five workmen to each five miles. The men slept during the night alongside the track, and at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning the work was begun. To expedite matters, as many spikes had been pulled beforehand as safety would admit, and when the work began Tuesday morning, it consisted in pulling five spikes to the rail, moving the rail in and spiking it in full. The entire distance between Cleveland and Leavittsburg is 222 miles, in addition to which are 45 miles of side track, making a total of 267 miles. The labor of moving the rails, as above indicated, would, therefore, be very great, but notwithstanding every difficulty, so complete had been the arrangements, and so perfectly carried out, that the entire work was completed at 2:30 in the afternoon. Thus, the regular business of the road was hindered only ten hours and twenty minutes, as, at 2:20 in the afternoon, narrow-gauge stock was put on and business resumed.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

## Hot Weather in Mexico.

THE morning sun was dancing over the floor in double-shuffles as his Honor fell into the station, his face flushed, his hair wet, and his general look one of goneness. "Bijah, did you ever see such a scorcher?" he faintly inquired, as he fanned himself with his hat. "This 'ere weather," replied the old janitor, as he stood his broom in the corner, "is freezing compared to some that I experienced in Mexico. Why, Judge, I've seen it so hot in Santa Fe that ink boiled in the ink-stand while I was trying to write a letter to my mother. I was sunstruck seven times in one day while driving an ice wagon." "My Joy," said his Honor, as he rose up and moved to his desk, "I was in hopes your late illness would be taken by you as a solemn warning, and I am grieved to find you still treading that same old path." "Wasn't I ever in Mexico?" demanded the old man, as his face grew red. "We won't argue the case. I am sorry for you." A bootblack behind the stove here began to grin. Bijah walked over and seized his hair and gave him a lift in the world and whispered in his ear: "Boy, I want you to understand that I've been in more Mexicos than you've got hairs on your scalp, and any more grins around here will lose you the top of your head!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

There were once two rival storekeepers in Lincolnshire, England, one of whom had the store of the place and whose establishment was of earlier origin than that of his competitor. When the latter arrived on the scene the first man put up a sign announcing his place as the original store. Not to be outdone the other announced his as the old original store. Then a brisk competition sprang up in the way of signs addressed to passers-by. At length, weary of the constant warfare, which involved time and thought, the more reasonable man of the two returned to his old quiet ways, and, in explanation of the cessation of hostilities, inserted in his window a card bearing the Latin words: "Mens conscia recti" (a mind conscious of being right). This was too much for his neighbor. He regarded it as another blow of the adversary, but said to himself, "I can beat that," and the next day in his window appeared a sign in bolder letters than those used by his competitor, bearing the announcement: "Mens and women's conscia recti for sale." That was the last of the warfare.

—According to the *Academy*, authors in Germany and France could not live at all if they depended upon their books for the necessities of life. A German publisher usually prints from 300 to 1,000 copies of an ordinary book, 100 to 150 of which are bought by the libraries, and sixty or eighty sent to the leading reviews. The remaining 800, or thereabout, are distributed among the principal book-sellers who return those which are left on their hands at the close of the year. The publisher often receives more than his original 800, as the reviewers' copies find their way back to him. The same phenomenon is by no means unknown in Paris. Prof. Holzfendorf, in view of the great number of excellent works which are disposed of by the publishers at the price of waste-paper, suggests that for a small expenditure every college in Germany might have a liberal supply of good books. Unfortunately, according to Karl Hillebrandt, the "general reader" is almost unknown in Germany.

—As a crowded car was passing up East Broadway, a gentleman in the car punched the driver in the back with his cane, and said: "I expect that lady wants to ride." The driver, supposing the gentleman had seen the lady signal the car, put on the brakes and waited for the lady, who weighed about two hundred pounds, to come up, which she did, passed on without getting in. "What made you think that lady wanted to ride?" growled the driver. "Because she was walking my dear fellow. It is only those who are walking outside of the car who want to get inside. You never noticed that, did you? Never mind I'll get you another passenger directly," and he gazed intently down a cross street for the next pedestrian.—*Galveston News.*

—They were very fond of each other, and had been engaged; but they quarreled, and were too proud to make it up. He called a few days ago at her father's house, to see the old gentleman on business, of course. She was at the door. Said he, "Ah, Miss Blank, I believe, is your father in?" "No, sir," she replied, "Pa is not in at present. Did you wish to see him personally?" "Yes," was the bluff response, feeling that she was yielding, "on very particular personal business," and he turned proudly to go away. "I beg your pardon," she called after him, as he struck the lower step, "but who shall I say called?" He never smiled again. This was too cruel.

—Miss Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has a cottage of her own on Cape Ann, where, with her nurse and her pets, she spends the summer. She is quite attractive in personal appearance, slender, and of good height, a face rather long than round, with fine features framed in dark hair, and with black-lashed eyes of a deep blue that are wonderful in their depth and luminousness, the face lighting into beauty with the smile. There are always plenty of strollers on the beach who are bent on seeing the authoress, and so are apt to make themselves disagreeable. Being asked if she were not afraid in a terrific storm, during which the beach was, of course, deserted, Miss Phelps replied, "No, that she preferred the voice of God to that of the summer boarder."

—Never blame a man for bragging. It shows that he believes a man is something in this world.

—The best strawberries and the best men are generally found at the top.

## THE MARKETS.

	NEW YORK, July 22, 1890.	CHICAGO, July 22, 1890.
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	3.50 to 10.25	3.75 to 4.25
COTTON—Middling.....	11.75	11.75
FLOUR—No. 1 Choice.....	4.20	4.25
WHEAT—No. 2.....	1.10 to 1.11	1.10 to 1.11
SPRING, No. 2.....	1.00 to 1.02	1.00 to 1.02
CORN—No. 2.....	42 to 48	42 to 48
OATS—Western Mixed.....	34 to 37	34 to 37
PORK—Old Mess.....	14.00 to 14.25	14.00 to 14.25
COTTON—Middling.....	11.75	11.75
BEEVES—Choice.....	4.50 to 4.75	4.50 to 4.75
Good to Prime.....	3.25 to 3.50	3.25 to 3.50
Native Cows.....	2.50 to 3.00	2.50 to 3.00
Texas Steers.....	2.50 to 3.00	2.50 to 3.00
HOGS—Common to Select.....	4.00 to 4.50	4.00 to 4.50
SHEEP—Common to Select.....	4.50 to 5.10	4.50 to 5.10
WHEAT—No. 2.....	92 to 93 1/2	92 to 93 1/2
WHEAT—No. 3.....	88 to 89	88 to 89
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	36 to 36 1/2	36 to 36 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	24 to 25	24 to 25
RYE—No. 2.....	70 to 72	70 to 72
TOBACCO—Dark Leaf.....	3.25 to 3.75	3.25 to 3.75
Medium Dark Leaf.....	3.25 to 3.75	3.25 to 3.75
Light Dark Leaf.....	17 to 19	17 to 19
HAY—Choice Timothy.....	17.00 to 18.00	17.00 to 18.00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.....	17 to 19	17 to 19
EGGS—Fresh Canned.....	16 to 17	16 to 17
PORK—Standard Mess.....	13.50 to 13.75	13.50 to 13.75
BACON—Clear Rib.....	67 1/2 to 68	67 1/2 to 68
LARD—Prime Steam.....	67 1/2 to 68	67 1/2 to 68
WOOL—Tub washed, Med.....	45 to 47	45 to 47
Unwashed.....	28 to 30	28 to 30
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	3.75 to 4.25	3.75 to 4.25
HOGS—Sales at.....	3.80 to 4.15	3.80 to 4.15
WHEAT—No. 2.....	1.10 to 1.11	1.10 to 1.11
CORN—No. 2.....	42 to 48	42 to 48
OATS—No. 2.....	34 to 37	34 to 37
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4.25 to 4.75	4.25 to 4.75
HOGS—Common to Choice.....	4.25 to 4.50	4.25 to 4.50
SHEEP—Chopped.....	3.75 to 4.00	3.75 to 4.00
FLOUR—Winners.....	5.00 to 5.25	5.00 to 5.25
SPRING, No. 2.....	94 to 95	94 to 95
CORN—No. 2.....	37 to 37 1/2	37 to 37 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	24 to 25	24 to 25
RYE—No. 2.....	69 to 70	69 to 70
PORK—Mess.....	13.75 to 14.00	13.75 to 14.00
FLOUR—High Grade.....	5.50 to 6.00	5.50 to 6.00
CORN—White.....	50 to 52	50 to 52
OATS—Choice.....	33 to 35	33 to 35
HAY—Choice.....	15.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
PORK—Mess.....	13.50 to 13.75	13.50 to 13.75
BACON—Clear Rib.....	68 to 69	68 to 69
COTTON—Middling.....	11.75	11.75

—The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that the pedestrians must look out for themselves in Boston Common. One of the paths in winter was arranged for the convenience of coasters. As a man was walking along a sled came down behind him, struck his ankles, and knocked him down, and he was hurt and made insensible for a time. The court holds that there was no evidence that the footpaths on the common have ever been laid out as highways or townways. The city holds the common for the public benefit, and not for amusement or as a source of revenue, and has constructed and kept in repair these paths as a part of the common for the comfort and recreation of the public, and not as a part of its system of highways or streets. The city may legally set apart a part of the common for the recreation of the young.

—In a late medical work which has excited much attention and criticism, Dr. Debat, of Paris, argues that all diseases are due to the development of invisible parasites either in or upon the body.

## [Portage (Wis) State Register.]

An incident like the following is always worthy of record. During a cavalry charge under Gen. Kilpatrick, in North Carolina, in our late civil war, Mr. G. A. Selbach was thrown from his horse and received a severe sprain of the left wrist. He used various liniments for sixteen years, without effect, and was cured by a single bottle of St. Jacob's Oil.

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